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SUBJ: INTERVIEW OF ZAMBIAN AND TANZANIAN ENVOYS RE: SOUTH AFRICA

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SUMMARY: AS PART OF WEEK-LONG ETHIOPIAN PROGRAM TO MANIFEST SOLIDARITY AND SUPPORT FOR OPPRESSED PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA, AMBASSADOR KALENGA KANGWA OF ZAMBIA AND CHARGE' D' AFFAIRES OF TANZANIA, JUMA MWAPACHU, WERE INTERVIEWED BY LOCAL TELEVISION STATION LAST WEEK ON EVE OF EMERGENCY AFRO-ASIAN PEOPLE'S SOLIDARITY ORGANIZATION CONFERENCE (REFTEL). THEY WARNED WESTERN COUNTRIES SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER'S INTERVENTION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA WOULD NOT DIMINISH REVOLUTIONARY FERVOR OF BLACK SOUTH AFRICANS, AND ARMED STRUGGLE HAD ACTUALLY INTENSIFIED IN SOUTH AFRICA SINCE SECRETARY'S INTERVENTION. SITUATION NOW WAS JUDGED CONDUCIVE FOR AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (ANC) AND PAN AFRICAN CONGRESS (PAC) TO WAGE ARMED STRUGGLE WITHIN SOUTH

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AFRICA. SHAM TRANSKEI INDEPENDENCE WAS CONDEMNED AND COMMENTS

ISSUED ON LIKELY OUTCOME OF AAPSO CONFERENCE, END SUMMARY.

1. OCTOBER 29 ETHIOPIAN HERALD REPORTED SUBSTANCE OF PREVIOUS EVENING TELEVISION INTERVIEW OF TWO "FRONT LINE" ENVOYS TO ADDIS ABABA. KANGWA STATED SECRETARY'S INTERVENTION WOULD STRENGTHEN REVOLUTIONARY FERVOR OF BLACK SOUTH AFRICANS IN NEXT FEW MONTHS OR DAYS RATHER THAN DIMINISH IT. MWAPACHU, CITING SOWETO RIOTS, SAID ARMED STRUGGLE AGAINST RACIST REGIME IN SOUTH AFRICA HAS INTENSIFIED SINCE SECRETARY'S VISIT. HE ADDED INDEPENDENCE OF ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE HAD REMOVED CERTAIN CONSTRAINTS AND FORTHCOMING INDEPENDENCE OF ZIMBABWE WOULD BE ACHIEVED THROUGH ARMED STRUGGLE AND NOT BY CONSTITUTIONAL MEETING.

2. IN COMMENTS ON STATEMENT BY ANC MEMBER THAT STRUGGLE WOULD BE CARRIED OUT WITHIN SOUTH AFRICA, MWAPACHU SAID LIBERATION FRONTS HAD NOW COME CLOSER TO SOUTH AFRICA AND WOULD PROVIDE BRIDGEHEAD FOR ANC AND PAC TO CONDUCT ARMED STRUGGLE.

3. BOTH KANGWA AND MWAPACHU CONDEMNED SOUTH AFRICA'S GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO TRANSKEI. KANGWA STATED IT REDUCED PEOPLE TO STATUS OF FOREIGNERS UPON WHOSE LABOR SOUTH AFRICA THRIVED AND WHO HAD NO POLITICAL SAY IN FUTURE OF SOUTH AFRICA. MWAPACHU ADDED THAT INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC OPINION SHOULD NOT BE DECEIVED THAT SOUTH AFRICA MOVING AWAY FROM ITS APARTHEID POLITICS OR RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION WAS BEING GRANTED. TRANSKEI INDEPENDENCE WAS APPLICATION OF SOUTH AFRICA'S RACIST DEVICE AND RULE POLICY USING TRIBAL DISTINCTIONS, KNOWING VERY WELL TRIBALISM IS ENEMY OF AFRICA. BOTH URGED INTENSIFIED ARMED STRUGGLE BY WHOLE OF AFRICA AND PROGRESSIVE FORCES IN WORLD.

4. KANGWA EXPECTED AAPSO TO CONDEMN MOCK TRANSKEI INDEPENDENCE IN STRONGEST TERMS, TO ENDORSE ALL OAU AND UN RESOLUTIONS ON TRANSKEI AND TO REAFFIRM SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY WITH PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA, NOT ONLY DIPLOMATICALLY, BUT WITH MATERIAL ASSISTANCE TO FIGHTING FORCES IN SOUTH AFRICA.
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